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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF :  
KAZUMASA KODAMA, ET AL. : EXAMINER: TAN QUANG NGUYEN  
SERIAL NO: 10/626,625 :  
FILED: JULY 25, 2003 : GROUP ART UNIT: 3661  
FOR: VEHICLE STEERING CONTROL :  
SYSTEM

PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.181(a)(3)  
TO INVOKE THE SUPERVISORY AUTHORITY OF THE COMMISSIONER

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This Petition is in response to the Notice of Allowance mailed December 20, 2004.

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REMARKS

This Petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.181 requests that the Information Disclosure Statements (IDS) filed on October 24, 2003, be fully considered and acknowledged by the Examiner.

On October 24, 2003, Applicants filed an IDS in the above-identified Application, as is evidenced by the enclosed copies of the IDS papers filed.

Applicants have not received an initialed copy of the filed PTO form-1449 indicating that all of the references submitted in the October 24, 2003 IDS have been considered, and respectfully request the Examiner to return a copy of the PTO-1449 form, filed in the present Application on October 24, 2003, fully initialed in acknowledgement of consideration.

Although Applicants do not believe that any fee is required for the present petition, any required fee should be charged the undersigned attorneys account no. 15-0030.

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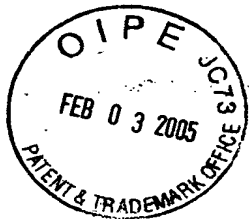
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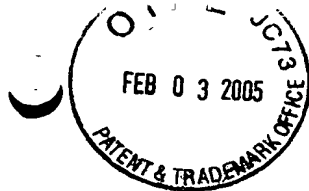
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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.97**

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Applicant(s) wish to disclose the following information.

**REFERENCES**

- ☒ The applicant(s) wish to make of record the references listed on the attached form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed references are attached, where required, as are either statements of relevancy or any readily available English translations of pertinent portions of any non-English language references.
- ☐ A check or credit card payment form is attached in the amount required under 37 CFR §1.17(p).

**RELATED CASES**

- ☒ Attached is a list of applicant's pending application(s) or issued patent(s) which may be related to the present application. A copy of the patent(s), together with a copy of the claims and drawings of the pending application(s) is attached along with PTO 1449.
- ☐ A check or credit card payment form is attached in the amount required under 37 CFR §1.17(p).

**CERTIFICATION**

- ☐ Each item of information contained in this information disclosure statement was first cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this statement.
- ☐ No item of information contained in this information disclosure statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application or, to the knowledge of the undersigned, having made reasonable inquiry, was known to any individual designated in 37 CFR §1.56(c) more than three months prior to the filing of this statement.

**DEPOSIT ACCOUNT**

- ☒ Please charge any additional fees for the papers being filed herewith and for which no check or credit card payment is enclosed herewith, or credit any overpayment to deposit account number 15-0030. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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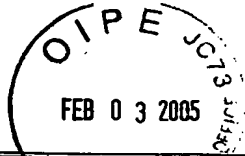
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FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

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	AO	11-334628	12/07/1999	JAPAN (with English Abstract)		X
	AP	11-334604	12/07/1999	JAPAN (with English Abstract)		X
	AQ	10-75598	03/17/1998	JAPAN (with English Abstract)		X
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OTHER REFERENCES (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, etc.)

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☐ Additional References sheet(s) attached

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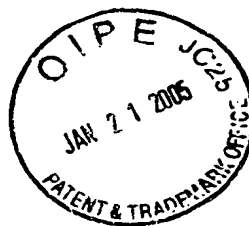
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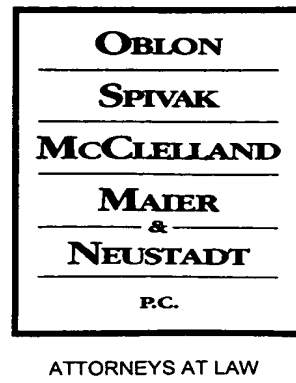
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PTO-1449 form (copy).**

Our check in the amount of \_\_\_\_\_ is attached covering any required fees. In the event any variance exists between the amount enclosed and the Patent Office charges for filing the above-noted documents, including any fees required under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 for any necessary Extension of Time to make the filing of the attached documents timely, please charge or credit the difference to our Deposit Account No. 15-0030. Further, if these papers are not considered timely filed, then a petition is hereby made under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 for the necessary extension of time. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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